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STRAIGHT FROM THE SHOULDER.

Governor Dockery does not believe in half way measures. For some time the Globe Democrat of St. Louis has been howling about frauds in the management of portions of the state's money and the republican pack of small yellow journals throughout the state has been taking up the Globe-Democrat yelps and are trying, on the principle that a lie well stuck to is as good as the truth, to convince some of the voters of Missouri that there is some ground for their statements. It is not the first time that our excellent governor has heard the republican howl of "stop thief" and "wolf in the fold" and he fully understands the tactics of the Globe-Democrat. Having allowed the matter to proceed so far that the G.-D. will either have to prove its charges or crawl into a very small hole, the governor strikes out straight from the shoulder and lands squarely between the eyes of the Globe-Democrat by throwing open the books of the state for a full and complete investigation by the aforesaid G.-D.

In his communication to the Globe-Democrat Governor Dockery says: "Since the democrats have been in control in Missouri, the fiscal affairs of this state have been biennially examined by a non-partisan legislative committee, and in each instance the report has been unanimous as to the honest and efficient management of our public funds.

"Beginning with the first year after the democrats came into power in Missouri, the Honorable Truman A. Post, republican member of the Legislature from the city of St. Louis, was a member of the committee to examine the books of the various State departments. Following him, in the biennial periods, were the Honorable James C. McGinnis, republican member from the city of St. Louis, 1877-78; the Honorable James C. McGinnis, republican member from the city of St. Louis, 1879-80; the Honorable James C. McGinnis republican member from the city of St. Louis, 1881-82; the Honorable Henry Smith, republican member from Jackson County, 1883-84; the Honorable William H. Miller, republican member from Jackson County, 1885-86; the Honorable Samuel G. Kelly, republican member from Johnson county, 1889-90; the Honorable James T. Moore, republican member from Laclede county, 1891-92; the Honorable J. E. Swanger, republican member from Sullivan county, 1893-94; the Honorable W. H. Odneal, republican member from Mercer county, 1895-96; the Honorable R. N. Mueller, republican member from St. Charles county, 1897-98; and the Honorable Joseph B. Lindsay, republican member from Dade County, 1899-1900.

"In all of these examinations the reports were unanimous as to the absolute integrity of the various state debts."

Governor Dockery knows very well, however, that it is not the truth that the Globe-Democrat wants, for the above examinations would satisfy any one seeking only the light of truth. Notwithstanding these thorough examinations above mentioned, the governor intends that the Globe-Democrat shall either be forced to know the truth or to acknowledge by its refusal to make the examination that it does not seek it.

Though it is now up to the Globe-Democrat, nobody expects this bitterly partisan sheet, that does not hesitate to belittle and misrepresent its own state for petty, partisan gains, to accept the invitation. Some exceedingly flimsy excuse or pretext for an excuse will be offered as a pretended reason for not accepting the governor's invitation, and the yelping and the howling and the misrepresentation will go on, but the governor has, by his straightforward, manly course, shown the insincerity of the Globe-Democrat in its pretended desire to get at the books and show the alleged peculiar

bookkeeping and crookedness of the democrats of Missouri.

As a seeker after the truth and a political reformer the Globe-Democrat is a dismal failure, but for out announcing old Annanias himself the Globe Democrat is a whole pack of howling successes.

SENATOR CULLOM ON TARIFF.

Since his interview with President McKinley a few days ago at Canton, Senator Cullom, of Illinois, was asked as to the prospect of tariff legislation by congress next winter. His reply was as follows:

"I do not think there will be any, at least in the form of a general revision of the tariff. Of course I am not in a position to speak authoritatively for the president, but I feel that I am representing his ideas when I say that.

"There are, however, some things we ought to do which will amount to a partial revision of the tariff. There are at present pending before the senate some ten commercial treaties. These treaties are all of a reciprocity character, and if they are ratified will amount to a change in the tariff with countries with which they are made. It seems to me as if it would be wise to ratify at least some of them. A feeling has grown up abroad that the United States is disposed to act in what may be called a hoggy manner in its trade relations, and if these reciprocity treaties can be drawn so as to be for the mutual advantage of both countries entering into them I think it would be beneficial all around."

Coming as he does fresh from a conference with McKinley and Hanna it may be taken for granted that Senator Cullom speaks with no small degree of authority and voices the sentiments of the administration with the backing of Hanna.

No general tariff revision, as Hanna has plainly said before, will be attempted by the republican party. In view, however, of the prominence given the tariff question by recent events in Russia and the late tariff bill proposed by Germany, McKinley and Hanna have put their heads together and to satisfy the conservative element in their own party and placate some of the foreign countries, they propose now to dole out a little reciprocity sop on lines that will assuredly not interfere in any way with the plans which the big trusts and combines have laid for fleecing the pockets of the people.

The democrats should see to it that in addition to fighting the Hamiltonian imperialistic theory of the republican party they wage unceasing and persistent warfare against its high protection policy and force the republicans to meet squarely the question of tariff revision. Any success which the democrats attain on this line means just so much of a victory over the gigantic trust interests of the land. Force the fighting all along the line.

ALADIN A BACK NUMBER.

The story of Aladin and his wonderful lamp and its magic power has been outdone in the real building up of a city in a single night, on a barren prairie, with a population of 10,000 as was the case in the building up of Lawton in the new Indian country.

This wonderful achievement is however characteristic of the American and his power of organized as well as individual action. Such a feat would not be possible in any other country than the United States, but the average citizen of this country is capable of arising to the necessities of any occasion, no matter how vast the enterprise undertaken and the difficulties that are in the way of its accomplishment. The magic transformation of the prairie into a city, is not more wonderful than will be the transformation within a single season of this entire new country into a land of beautiful and comfortable homes, and rich fields of waving grain. The American Aladins of the present day accomplish things almost as wonderful as the fabled performances of the Aladin of mythology.

Whether the country is burning up under the heat of an unprecedented drought or wrapped in the snow and cold of midwinter the trust is bound to get in its work as is evinced by the advance in the price of both ice and coal. The trust is like the old darkey's con trap that catches them "comin and gwine."

HANNA'S OPPORTUNITY.

It is reliably reported from Cleveland, Ohio, that Senator Hanna has been to Canton to call upon the president, and the general supposition is that he went there to talk with McKinley concerning the great steel strike which is now going on among the workmen of the great steel corporations and trusts. Hanna's presidential star seems now to be in the ascendant. It is claimed, by those who seem to have been on the inside, that Hanna was a most potent factor in settling the great coal strike before the last presidential election and though this claim may be no better founded than McKinley's claim for the prosperity of the country growing out of its abundant crops of the several years previous to this, the fact remains that Hanna received a large share of credit for settling that strike.

Hanna is now laying his plans to rise up, in the hour when the steel strike has reached a more violent stage, as the strike settling Moses, and it may be set down as a foregone conclusion that Marcus will have it known that he was the prime factor that brought about peace between the trust magnates and their vast army of strikers.

Teddy and the balance of the presidential bee chasers had as well prepare to take seats out in the congregation and see the great presidential circus run by Ringmaster Hanna. He has the longest whip with the loudest crack on it and he knows how to use it on the whole circus crew. Just watch Mark, when the time comes, repeat the Columbus, Ohio, convention act. Mark Hanna, with his barrel, has led others to victory and has placed the crown of government on the head of Wm. McKinley. Why not do a little crowning work for himself? Mark Hanna will manage to settle the steel strike and in doing so will manage to make this his opportunity for making a ten strike for himself and his presidential boom.

Teddy Roosevelt's boom for president in 1904 may be a little early in the field but Teddy has heard the twittering of some other early birds. Spooner, Hanna, Fairbanks, Odel and Foraker have been singing their morning songs in the political woods and remembering that story about the early bird and the worm, Teddy considers it a good idea to get in his own twitter.

It is reported that Mrs. Mary Weber of St. Louis earns \$3,000 annually by selling mint and bleached straws to the saloon trade in St. Louis for use in making mint juleps. When we consider what an amount of happiness and satisfaction is obtained on a very warm day from drinking one mint julep through a straw, Mrs. Weber must be considered in the light of a public benefactor.

What a beautiful sight will be that of the procession of young ladies from the various parts of Missouri that will participate today in the unveiling of the Confederate monument at Springfield. Among the many things of which Missouri is justly proud there are none in which she takes greater pride than in her lovely daughters.

Notwithstanding the generally prevalent idea that the vice-presidency is the burial ground of presidential aspirations, Teddy Roosevelt's presidential corpse seems to be the cause of considerable stir among those presidential aspirants that have not yet tried the vice-presidency interment.

That German aeronaut at Berlin who ascended six miles and found a temperature of forty degrees below zero is welcome to all that cool comfort so far as we are concerned, even when the thermometer is 110 in the shade down below. Our desires for a cool climate do not reach so high.

Corn King Phillips has learned that corn is an uncertain crop whether handled on the board of trade in Chicago or in the hot fields of Kansas and Nebraska, and his experience will probably cost him a quarter of a million dollars.

The manufacturers exhibit at St. Louis will cover fifty-six acres. The managers of the fair are wise in giving ample room for the exhibition of manufactures.

DIFFICULT QUESTIONS

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